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Applicant: Donald Shannon et al. Assignee: Edwards Lifesciences Corp.  
Serial No.: 09/912,006 Examiner: Rossi, J.  
Filing Date: July 24, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1733  
Title: RADIALLY EXPANDABLE TAPE-REINFORCED VASCULAR GRAFTS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated November 24, 2003 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

A Petition for a three-month extension of time is also submitted herewith to extend the time for response.

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